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1. At the beginning of February 1954, a strike took place among the office workers employed at the Gdynia Repair Shipyard (Gdynska Stocznia Remontowa). The strike took the form of a refusal to work overtime, in an attempt to obtain the payment of the overtime premium due to the men for January 1954.
2. The matter was referred to the Ministry of Shipping, which issued instructions that the premium should not be paid, but at the same time prohibited compulsory overtime employment of clerical workers in the future.

Comment: In light of recent reports there appears to be widespread discontentment among the workers of the Gdynia Repair Shipyard. The revised rates of pay were put into force on 1 August 1953 and were openly criticized by the workers since, simultaneously, higher production norms were imposed. The workers boycotted a mass meeting and refused to obey orders to work three hours extra per day; relations between workers and leaders were very strained and the workers openly boycotted many regulations. In August 1953, office staffs were cut to a minimum and clerks were overburdened with work, were forced to work overtime without compensation and received a very low rate of salary. the clerical workers refused to accept their salaries until their premiums were paid. the workers threatened to resign. The Ministry of Shipping reportedly ordered the premiums to be paid and the shipyard complied. The above report indicates that conditions are worsening and it is possible that the government has stepped in for the purpose of preventing the dissatisfaction from spreading, since production plans for the past years have fallen far below their goal.

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